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SUBJECT: FORMER TAIPEI MAYOR CANDIDATE ON MAINLAND?

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1. SUMMARY: WU FENG-SHAN, TAIWANESE MEMBER OF NATIONAL
ASSEMBLY AND EDITOR OF TZU LI WAN PAO, TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER A
"FRIEND" HAD LISTENED TO TAIWANESE BROADCAST OF 27TH ANNIVER-
SARY CELEBRATION OF FEBRUARY 28TH INCIDENT AND THAT CHEN I-SUNG
(7115/6654/2646), INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR OF TAIPEI IN
1964, WAS NOW IN MAINLAND AND HAD ATTENDED RALLY. REF A STATES
CHEN I-SUNG, "NOTED PERSONAGE OF TAIWAN PROVINCE WHO RETURNED
TO THE MAINLAND...NOT LONG AGO" WAS PRESENT AT RALLY. REF B
REPORTS CHEN'S REMARKS AT RALLY. IF CHEN I-SUNG
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IN PEKING IS THE FORMER CANDIDATE FOR TAIPEI MAYOR, HE

WOULD BE MOST PROMINENT TAIWANESE TO GO TO MAINLAND IN RECENT YEARS. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION ADDRESSEES MAY HAVE CONCERNING IDENTITY OF CHEN I-SUNG REPORTED REFTELS. END SUMMARY.

2. ACCORDING TO WU, CHEN WENT TO THE US "ABOUT A YEAR AGO" TO LIVE WITH HIS DAUGHTERS. TWO DAUGHTERS ARE HEAVILY INVOLVED IN TIM ACTIVITIES IN US--ONE IN SAN FRANCISCO AND ONE IN NEW YORK. ONE DAUGHTER REMAINS IN TAIWAN.

3. ACCORDING TO EMBASSY FILES CHEN IS APPROXIMATELY 69 YEARS OLD, NATIVE OF ILAN, HAS BACHELOR OF LAW DEGREE TOKYO IMPERIAL UNIVERSITY, AND WAS ACTIVE IN LOCAL POLITICS PRIOR 1945 BOTH AS MEMBER OF ANTI-JAPANESE GROUP AND AS ELECTED MEMBER OF TAIPEI CITY COUNCIL. CHEN JOINED KMT IN TOKYO WHEN HE WAS 17. HE WAS OUSTED FROM KMT IN 1946 WHEN DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST PARTY NOMINATED HIM AS MEMBER OF SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE FOR CONTROL YUAN AND LEGISLATIVE YUAN ELECTIONS. TWO YEARS LATER HE REGAINED HIS KMT MEMBERSHIP, BUT LATER VOLUNTARILY LEFT PARTY. CHEN REPORTED ON FEBRUARY 28, 1947 INCIDENT TO PRESIDENT CHIANG AND BROUGHT CHIANG'S INSTRUCTIONS FOR LENIENCY BACK TO TAIWAN. HE WAS MEMBER OF THE EXAMINATION YUAN 1948 TO 1954 AND DIRECTOR, CENTRAL BANK OF CHINA, 1950 TO 1953(?).

4. CHEN'S CANDIDACY FOR MAYOR IN 1964 WAS APPARENTLY FIRST ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT IN POLITICS IN SEVERAL YEARS. ALTHOUGH HE LOST ELECTION, HE GAINED SOME PROMINENCE AT TIME BECAUSE GOVERNMENT FORCED HIM TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO ORGANIZATION OF OPPOSITION PARTY, "GENUINE DEMOCRATIC RULE OF LAW" AND LIFTING OF MARTIAL LAW FROM HIS CAMPAIGN LITERATURE. WU SAN-LIEN, PUBLISHER OF TZU LI WAN PAO, REPORTEDLY WAS ASSOCIATED WITH CHEN IN HIS UNSUCCESSFUL 1964 ELECTION CAMPAIGN.

5. CHEN WAS ARRESTED BY GARRISON COMMAND IN 1971 IN CONNECTION WITH THORNBERRY CASE. REPORTEDLY CHEN HAD RECEIVED A BOX OF PASTRIES FROM A JAPANESE CONTAINING CONFIDENTIAL

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INFORMATION ON HOW TO MAKE BOMBS; HOWEVER, CHEN WAS RELEASED WITHOUT TRIAL.

6. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS PAUL KOVENOCK, LANGUAGE SERVICES DIVISION, DEPARTMENT, KNOWS CHEN. WE BELIEVE FBI WASHINGTON MAY HAVE ADDITIONAL INFO ON CHEN'S DAUGHTERS IN US. MCCONAUGHY

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